

# Fort Martin Scott Friends

Dear Friend,

Fort Martin Scott, "*The Guardian of the Texas Frontier*", is buzzing with activity once again! With the 2013 groundbreaking of the *Former Texas Rangers Foundation Heritage Center* directly adjacent to the Fort, a new effort is being focused to activate Fort Martin Scott as a major tourist attraction of the Hill Country, and to promote this wonderful historic treasure by staging multiple events.

Through this renewed effort, the *Fort Martin Scott Advisory Committee of the City of Fredericksburg* has authorized the formation of the *Fort Martin Scott Friends*, as an auxiliary membership organization to produce events at the Fort, and to enlist support within the community to preserve and promote local history through festivals, re-enactments and social gatherings. To this end, Fort Martin Scott Friends will produce four scheduled events each year.

During January of each year, the *Fort Martin Scott Friends* will commemorate "*The Battle of New Orleans*" which took place January 8, 1815. During the 1850's, this event was considered a national holiday and Fort Martin Scott would certainly have been a hub of activity and celebration, and each year it will be once again for this occasion!

During Spring Break each year, the *Fort Martin Scott Friends* will join forces with the *Former Texas Rangers Foundation* to co-produce the "*Annual Texas History Day*" in conjunction with the *Texas State Historical Association* statewide celebration.

Each year, during June, the Fort will hold its annual "*An Evening at Fort Martin Scott*" followed the next day by "*Fort Martin Scott Day*". Held on a Friday, "*An Evening at Fort Martin Scott*" is a frontier version of a dinner theater, that includes great food prepared by true artisan chefs and served by Soldiers, Rangers and Civilians all dressed in period clothing of the 1850s. And if that's not enough, guests are entertained with live action re-enactments of events that actually took

place at the fort. This is a limited reserved seating event. Then the next day (Saturday), a daylong living history event known as “**Fort Martin Scott Day**” will once again bring the fort back to life with re-enactments representing life at the fort as it was during years 1848 to 1853.

The last annual event of each year is “**Frontier Days at Fort Martin Scott**”, held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It is a celebration of the Texas frontier as it was in a day of the life at the Fort in 1850. Complete with Re-Enactors, Texas Rangers, Military Drills, multiple venue sites that include Western Authors, Music, Pioneer Crafts, Period Dress, Chuck Wagon Cooking, Native Americans and Old West Shoot Outs, this event will always be a day to remember.

With so much going on, and with your passion for our community, we ask that you consider joining all of us in the **Fort Martin Scott Friends** organization. Your financial commitment would indeed be very small but any energy and involvement you could bring to the table could potentially be huge. Please consider this request and view this opportunity as a unique way that you personally can be a part of Fredericksburg tourism, commerce and history all at once!

Please feel free to call me, or email, if you would like further information, or if you would just like to visit about the exciting plans for the future of Fort Martin Scott and our community!

For event dates and other information, please refer to the official website of Fort Martin Scott at: [www.FtMartinScott.org](http://www.FtMartinScott.org).

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

With Kindest Regards,

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